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- FOR THE ASSISTANT MINISTER -

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Dear Mr. Backović,

In accordance with the public call for submitting of comment to the Third Draft of the Action Plan for Chapter 23, which has been posted on the website of the Ministry of Justice on 21 April 2015, we inform you that the Republic Public Prosecutor's Office has studied in detail the published text which has been significantly improved compared to the Second Draft.

We conclude with pleasure that the suggestions and complaints which we gave to you in the meantime during consultative meetings held in the premises of the High Judicial Council State Prosecutorial Council have been accepted and incorporated in the text of the Third Draft.

We are of the opinion that the activities of the Third Draft make a logical whole, that they adequately answer to the recommendations contained in the Screening Report, and that

they are in accordance with the strategic goals and strategic guidelines contained in the National Judicial Reform Strategy for the period of 2013-2018.

We find useful that the Negotiating Group has chosen to incorporate recommendations from the World Bank Judicial Functional Review in the activities of the Action Plan, within the possible framework, having in mind the recommendations from the Screening Report, as the continuity of reform and harmonisation of public policies within the judiciary is thereby achieved.

The Republic Public Prosecutor's Office fully agrees with the text of the Third Draft Action Plan and suggests to the Negotiating Group to, due to the revision of deadlines in the Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Judicial Reform Strategy for the period of 2013-2018, file the Draft Action Plan for adoption by the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the National Assembly, immediately upon receiving approval of the European Commission, as ongoing revisions of activities and deadlines during the drafting of all following draft Action Plans negatively reflect the course and dynamics of implementation of reform activities.

Sincere regards,

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